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Dear Sir:

ELECTION OR RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced application.

The Applicant believes that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. The Applicant, however, conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105** for any required fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application, which claims are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner provides that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically,

I. Claims 1-3, drawn to providing a tamper resistant digital camera, classified in class 348, subclass 231.2;